## SCHOOL GERMAN MADE OPTIONAL

"Sun" Correspondents Show Result of Agitation Against Language Study.

PROPAGANDA IS BLAMED

Pittsburg Burns \$3,500 Worth of Text Books Laudatory of the Kaiser.

THE SUN herewith presents despatch-

es showing the drift of sentiment for and against the study of German in the pois public schools and other institutions of learning in the United States. Discov-ery of Teutonic propagands in German tent books some time ugo increased the from all parts of the State. The comfree from the secret glorification of the ewere Kaiser and "Deutschland Ueber Alles." The despatches follow:

### PITTSBURG BURNED **GERMAN TEXT BOOKS** Special Despatch to Tun Sex.

Pittesung, Pa., Jan. 2. - German local public schools has resulted in the

been destroyed thus far.

The elimination of the books came upon discovery of Superintendent W.

M. Davidson that they were spreading German propagan is, and followed agitation for the elimination entirely of German teaching in the schools. The Board of Education, however, after eliminating the objectionable text books, made it optional with the stuwhether German would be studied with the result that very little German

with the result that is now being taught.

Few pupils are desirous of studying the Kaiser's language, it was stated by the Kaiser's inguiste, it was stated by German text books, carefully acrutin-ized by the school officials, have been for them. The books in use heretafer for them. The books in use heretofore were found to be laudstory of the Kui-ser and calculated to inspire admiration for the German form of Government, and are said to be in use in many of the large cities of the country. In Connellsville, Fayette county, ob-

tionable German books were eliminaied from the schools, and in the Beaver ligh School the pupils, by vote, elim-insted the study of German entirely. Private schools here make the study op tional with the student.

### **PATRIOTIC STUDY** PLAN IN BUFFALO Special Desputch to The Sex.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 25-Efforts to restrict the teaching of German in the War conditions have been noticed in public schools have brought no action to the evening schools, however, where our ourtail this study in Buffalo. The there is a falling off in the number of strict the teaching of German in the bar or curtait this study in fautato. The there is a falling on the number of successful and a course in patriotic study and has and a corresponding increase in the instructed the superintendent of ciucanumber of public taking up French tion to cutline a course which will set No changes have been noticed in the forth the history of the war, the respon- day classes. sibility for its inception and the aims of the United States in it.

The board took this step after re-German be barred. There also many appeals that the study of German be continued, and the board "received and filed" the letters from both sides. In most private schools here the study German has practically been given

cently, which went on record in favor of

## PHILADELPHIA G. O. P. AFRAID TO SAY "NO"

Special Despatch to THE Stv.
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—The school au-

Many stidents are still studying the Kalser's language by their own choice, which is all owed them by the Board of Education. Others, however, have dropped German and taken up French

id Spanish.
The subject of German propaganda the subject of German propaganda diread by text books lauding the Kaiser and containing such songs as "Deutschland Uber Alles" brought on a hot session of the Board of Education a couple of weeks ago and resulted in an order being issued to delete all matter in the nature of propaganda. This caused so much damage to the books that the board much damage to the books that the books.

They may, however, not do so if patriotlien takes an upward trend in Philadel-

The man most blamed for the condition which allows German to be taught in the high schools is Simon Gratz, vice-president of the Board of Education. He was charged by the other members of the board with being responsible for failure to call a meeting of the board to bring about the deletion of the propagands. The matter was agitated in the rewspapers so strongly that finally the hoard-could not keep a patriotic face and allow the books to remain unceasored.

Mr. Gratz last April refused to allow President Wilson's war message to be read in the public schools and only recalled the order after a general hulla brilloo.

Mr. Gratz, as might be inferred from The man most blamed for the condi-

his name, is not a German or of German port of German blook in Philadelphia. He was born in Philadelphia. He and the other members of the Board of Education are appointed by Judges of the courts and are not as directly responsive to public feeling as would be the exponsive to public feeling as would be the case if they occupied elective offices. And there are thousands of voters in Philadelphia with German blood in their veins. To ston teaching their children. veins. To stop teaching their children the Kaiser's language might cost the Republican party a lot of sotes.

### MINNESOTA'S BOOKS **NOW DE-KAISERIZED**

Special Despetch to Tan Str. Part., Minn., Jan. 2.—Minnesota still may study the German language if they choose, but they cannot study these books in which the Kaiser is glorified and Deutschland Uber Alles is idelised. The Minnesota Public Safety ion, the State's \$1,000,000 war commission, the State's \$1,000,000 war board, has seen to that. The commission has issued a "white list" of German text books which may be used without poisoning youthful midds and it has the cooperation of the educational authori-

agitation against the language. In mittee appointed by the State Superintendent of Education carefully went through every German text book in use test books has been compiled which is not only in public but in private schools said to have the indorsement of the and colleges. Its findings were submitted to the Public Safety Commission and, as a result, two or three text books. ewere barred absolutely, particularly those by Paul Bacon, such as "Im Vaterland."

## CLEVELAND OPPOSES GERMAN FAVORITISM

Special Despatch to Tax Sex. CLEVELAND, Jan. 2 .- Notwithstanding propagands in text books used in the that Cleveland, in proportion to population, ranks second only to New York in Judges and lawyers and things and we its proportion of foreign born residents, must be there. Unless you reduce my ball all these Senators, Assemblymen. Board of Education eliminating the use its proportion of foreign born residents. of these books. Thirty-five hundred the general sentiment expressed here is worth of Looks, in which Ger- against any favoritism toward teaching man propaganda was sprend; have the German language in the public schools as compared to the teaching of any other foreign language, more particularly Freuch, Spanish and Latin The question of abolishing teaching of

advanced schools was threshed out last August and September prior to begina searching investigation by the educational authorities, when opinions were obtained from all classes of residents, it was decided to adopt a plan that in course of a year would place the teach-

In the elementary schools German teaching was eliminated from all ex- all. cept the seventh and eighth grades. Teaching of the language in these grades

In high schools the teaching of Ger-man has been made optional, as are the other three foreign languages. No foreign language will be taught unless the

## SPRINGFIELD NIGHT **PUPILS DROP STUDY**

Special Despatch to THE Ses. SPRINGPIELD, Mass., Jan. 2 .- No action has been taken by the School Board here to curtail or eliminate the teaching of German in the public schools

## STUDY OF GERMAN Special Despatch to THE SEX.

Boston, Jan. 2.-Although several petitions have been sent to the school fore he is through with the case he will crait school officials say, is rapidly of German in the public schools, the committee is quantimous in its opinion that the language should remain in the number of the control of the continue of the public schools, the pleased in more than a score of similar pleased in more than a score of similar committee is quantimous in its opinion that the language should remain in the curriculum. The study is elective in the public schools, the present to the court evidence that Ring-with the Sloane company was not the mous in offering to meet every demand same Cotton whom he recalled as have of the Government, their one request in the public schools, the please of the continue of the public schools and school officials say, is rapidly of German in the public schools, the please of the discrete in the public schools, the please of the discrete in the public schools and the public schools and the public schools are pleased in more than a score of similar pleased in the public schools. Admired by the public schools are pleased in the public schools and the public schools are pleased in the score in the public schools. Admired by the public schools are pleased in the score in the public schools. Admired by the please in the score in the public schools are pleased in the score in

### RUSSIA DROPS SUIT HERE. Discontinues Action for Recovery of \$500,000.

Thenron, & J., Jan. 2.—By consent of Condert Bros. of New York, counsel for the Russian Government and the American Can Company, a sult for the recovery of \$500,000 by the Russian therities of Philadelphia who serve well Government against the American Can the Republican party with teachers' appointments, have not yet reached that degree of fearlessness which will permit them to order the study of German stopped in the public high schools.

Many students are still studying the Kalser's language by their own choice.

because the Russian Government as-signed its claims against the American Can Company to the Canadian Car and Foundry Company and to the Recording and Computing Machine Company of Dayton, Ohio. It was stated an amicable Dayton, Ohlo. It was stated an amleable adjustment of the suit is likely to be obtained out of court. Suit was brought because the Russian Government contested the right of the American Can Company to withhold a large sum of money concerned in the payment for these

## FOOD EXPORTS \$1,000,000,000. Higher Prices Sent Valuation for

Have \$20,000 Bail Reduced to Get Married.

Conspiracy to Violate Federal Law.

A lot of "Senators, Assemblymen, Commissioners, Judges, lawyers and things" are going to be mightily disappointed on Saturday unless George A. Ringler, a politician, succeeds in raising \$20,000 bail in time to free himself from the Tombs and meet his bride-elect at the altar.

When arraigned before United States gether with William Abrahamson, a lawyer, and Morris Asofsky, a notary, on the charge of having conspired to violate the selective draft act Ringler uses his approaching wedding as a plea for reducing the bail the Commissioner fixed at \$20,000.

"But what will I do. Commissioner"

Ringler asked. "Here I am to be married next Saturday. Here's my bride-tobe in court now. We can't disappoint all these people. We've asked all the Sen-Assemblymen, Commissioners, Commissioners, Judges and lawyers and things will be terribly disappointed, for ours was to have been a gen-u-ine wedding-the real thing, your Honor.

## Justice Above Amenities.

But the Commissioner never lets the little amenities of East Side society in-terfere with the course of justice. There was only a matter of \$20,000 betwee that wedding and all those Senators, As semblymen. Commissioners, Judges and lawyers and things and he told Ringler that in all probability some surety com-pany would be glad to come in and grab its rakeoff and thus make it possible for these Senators, Assemblymen, Commissay that a pleasant time was had by Abrahamson was released in \$5,000

Teaching of the language in these grades is to be dispensed with after the present school year. Continuation this year was adopted so that those taking the course might complete it.

In high schools the teaching of German has been made optional, as are the dispensed to the course of the course of the course for the Government and was assisted by Assistant United States Attorneys Johnson and Stevenson. It was the course of the Please Assistant County of the Please Course of the Please of the Ple charged that Ringler, Abrahamson and Asofsky were parties to false state-ments and affidavits as to the fitness of Murray J. Lesser for service in the army under the terms of the selective draft. It was charged that the trio met at the office of Abrahamson at 204 East Broad-way on Monday last, where the conspir-

## Names of Informants.

Mr. Becker testified that facts surg the conspiracy were detailed to Chester A. McLaughlin, F. G. hin: by Hutchinson, James S. Ivins, Walter S. Archibald and J. M. Rischoff. The warrant for the arrest of the trio was then rant for the arrest of the trio issued and United States Marshal Mc-Carthy had it executed.

that in his opinion he was mighty lucky not to have been brought before him on a charge of treason, for in his judzment the offence as outlined bordered closely on treason that there was little to choose in framing the charge.

Mr. Becker said later that the case

in question is not the only one which has come to his attention and that be-

SYRACUSE CLASSES

ONE-THIRD SMALLER

April Desguta to The Six Stracture, N. V., Jan. 2.—Teaching of Spanish French or Iderinant is other course where one or more forman is being continued in Syracuse University, but the large and in properties and being the standard of the schools here. There has been no description of the schools here. There has been no description of the schools here. There has been no description of the schools here. There has been no description of the schools here. There has been no description of the schools here. There has been no description of the schools here. There has been no description of the schools here. There has been no description of the schools here. There has been no description of the schools here. There has been no description of the schools here. There has been no description of the schools here. There has been no description of the schools here. There has been no description of the schools here. There has been no description of the schools here. There has been no description of the schools here. There has been no description of the schools here. There has been no description of the schools here in the schoo

Politician Vainly Tries to Only \$20 to \$30 a Ton Difference, Expert Tells Senate Probers.

HELD AS DRAFT PLOTTER PROFITEERING EXPOSED

He and Two Others Accused of One Ship Builder Is Paid \$10,000 a Year for Doing Nothing.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 .- The Schate investigating committee learned to-day that steel ships in the Emergency Fleet Corporation's programme cost only about \$20 to \$20 more per ton than wooden ships. The witness who gave this information was George S. Radford, manformation was George S. Radford, man-ager of the contract division of the cor-poration. He said the cost of the wooden Mr. Crane told the President that Amporation. He said the cost of the wooden ships approximates \$140 per ton, whereas steel ships range from \$160 to \$170.

Mr. Crane told the resident was doing wonderful work in Petrograd and was the most respected man there. Commissioner Hitchcock yesterday to- ships approximates \$140 per ton, where-"In view of these relative figures

don't you think it better to build steel

Mr. Radford said the corporation was planning to place contracts for a few wooden ships on the Pacific coast, utilizing, however, only the present facilities without encouraging the creation of additional shippards. He added that the corporation would not be warranted in building many more wooden ships on the East coast, because of transporta-tion and labor problems. Meyer Bloomfield of Boston, in charge

of the industrial service department of the corporation, told of the work of his department in recruiting men for the shipyards. He said labor had assumed its share of responsibility and that there have been no organized efforts of labor to profiteer. Replying to questions, he

### "Some Profiteers Beating Us." "So far as this wage problem is con-

erned," Mr. Bloomfield said, "some ofiteers are beating un to it. "Do these conditions prevail on the Pacific Coast?" asked Senator Johnson. "On the Pacific Coast," he replied, "as a whole, I think the situation is pretty well taken care of." well taken care of."

Earlier in the day Rear Admiral
Bowles had testified in regard to money
pald by the Government for the ships.
He stated that in at least one instance the Government is paying relatively a large sulary to a man who is performing no service whatever. The Admiral had cited the Sloane Shipbuilding Corporation of Seattle as an instance of where trol. The contract, he said, climinated Sloane from the company, but contin-

ued to pay him \$10,000 a year instead of \$25,000, formerly paid by the company "Still drawing \$10,000 and yet nothing to do with the company," suggested Senator Nelson. "Yes," responded the Admiral. "Just to keep quiet and help us keep things in will be held here to morrow, when three order. I'll admit it looks like too much, committees from the paint and varnish

order. I'll admit it looks like too much, but it was driving a bargain in which we had no absolute rights. The Sloane yard, the Admiral testifled, has a \$7.840,000 contract for six-teen wooden ships 3 per cent completed, and the Government already has advanced \$1 700 000

After hearing the plea of Ringler Com-missioner Hitchcock told the prisoner ode. It is thought the paint men will make ds.

The Admiral said the Government had suggestions on this problem and outline taken a \$750,000 mortgage on the Slotne | plans for eliminating small cans of plant.

the Sloane contract. He areas the Manufacturers who have visited is greatly emourtained does be supported by the configuration of the state of the configuration of the state of the state

Special Despatch to Tun Sun. Special Despatch to The Str.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Charles 'R.

Crane, member of the Root Commission
to Russia and one of the American authorities on that country, told the President to-day that wonderful progress is
being made on the Russian railway system, particularly the Trans-Siberian line,
by American failroad men,
Mr. Crane has been out of Russia for
several weeks, but after a conference

several weeks, but after a conference with the President to-day he expressed the belief that political turmoil would the belief that political turmoil would not interfere with this work. No matter what comes, he said it is his opinion that it will go smoothly forward.

According to Mr. Crane, the men who are actually at work on the operation and rebuilding of the Russian lines are attending strictly to business and taking

no part in any internal movement. As a result they have won the admiration and respect of the people and the au ties. Mr. Crane expressed the view that if any of these men were arrested the arrests were mistakes soon rectified. He is confident that the constructive

## "I know nothing of wooden ships, but in general I'd answer yes to that ques-READY TO CURTAIL

Committees to Confer in Next Sixty Days With Defence Council.

Special Desputch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 - Committees presenting more than 100 industries of the United States are preparing sug-They expect to come to Washington for conferences with the National Council of Defence this month and next. y Government department is interested in their reports, for Every they are considering questions which will play a his part in reducing freight transportation and the labor shortage and increasing production of standard

ized wer making necessities. The work of these voluntary commitway by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, which has been active in outlining methods of organization and duties which the industrial committee must take up in the mobilization of the

ountry's production. Waddill Catchings, chairman of the war service executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and president of the Sloss-Shef-field Iron and Steel Company, arrived here to-day from New York, pressed gratification at the st which the business men of the country have taken up the work of coordinating demands.

industries will meet executives of the Council of National Defence. It is understood questions bearing upon the con-tinued production of some colors of paint and the methods of placing paint on the market will be considered. The shortage in tin plate has forced to Government to use every means pos-The Government, he said, insisted on the Government to use every means pos-a reorganization of the company in Au-sible to encourage the use of the new

The first of a series of conferences

On Friday a conference with the com-

steel corporation and who solved moved to New York. Admiral Bowles said he did not know.

Later Senator Johnson said he had been told it was too.

Admiral Bowles said Joseph II. Conton was counsel for the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Corporation.

Senator Johnson said he had automatically captual many of service describes in the council to move slowly in issuing orders. From present indications in-

## **ANTI-TRUST SUITS** ALL HALTED BY WAR

Government Seeks to Avoid Financial Effects of Dissolution Orders.

2 CORPORATIONS OBJECT

Steel and Shoe Combines Have Until To-morrow to File Opposition Briefs.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 .- To swoid big financing operations which might come into conflict with Federal loans the Government took steps to-day looking to postponement of all the large antitrust actions pending. The Steel Corporation and the Shoe Machinery Company announced that they would oppose the motion and will have until Friday to file briefs. Continuance until the next term o

the Supreme Court was accepted, on motion of Attorney-General Gregory, by the International Harvester Company, the American Can Company, the Eastman Kodak Company, the Quaker Oats Company and the Corn Products Refining Company. 'In order that the Government is

this time of stress may not meet with competition from private enterprises if its financial operations," said the Gov-ernment's brief filed in connection with the motion. "and the flotation of its loans the Treasury Department has been constrained to urge that all pri-vate financing on a large scale shall be avoided as far as at all possible.

## War Needs Are Paramount.

"It is quite clear that the dissolution will require financial operations on a large scale if they are to be genuine and effective. Important as the remedy sought in these cases is believed to be it must give place for the momen to the paramount needs of the hour. In opposing the Government's motion the Steel Corporation contends that a decision should be rendered in the suit against it as soon as possible, as delay is unfair to the corporation, its stockholders and employees. "The corporation has been compelled

to make and is now making large invest-ments in additional plant facilities and otherwise to meet the requirements of the Government," said a memorandum These expenditures may result in greatembarrasement and loss to the corporation tion in case it is dissolved. It ough not, therefore, to be required to continue them in a state of uncertainty as to its future longer than is absolutely neces-The foreign business of the corpora-

tion will obviously require great activity and large expenditures immediately upon the close of the war. These could hardly be undertaken with a threat of dissolution hanging over the corporation.
"The record shows that over 32,000 employees had become stockholders at the time the testimony was taken and that under the corporation's profit sharthat under the corporation's profit shar-ing plan thousands more were investing in its stock every year. This process

it is to have any future. The memorandum suggests that should dissolution be ordered the Governmen could prevent interference with it finance plans by postponing the -dat when the dissolution order becomes ef

ought not to be allowed to go on

fective Joseph B. Cotton's Influence.

Senator Neison suspected a possible sevheduled. It is thought that measures to the Government of the sized corporation with for reducing the amount of colored inks. Senator Nelson suspected a possible connection of the sized corporation with for reducing the amount of colored mass the sloane contract. He asked if the Mail be discussed.

Manufacturers who have visited is greatly embarrassed by the pending suit in conducting its business and feels. ights should be determined as speedily as possible.

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